



Cruising to Valdez, Alaska

Wander to the cruise destination Alaskans choose.

Welcome to Valdez, Alaska. Nestled among the Chugach Mountains and at the head of a fjord along the shores of Prince William Sound, Valdez is located on the homeland of the Chugach Alutiiq/Sugpiaq people of Southcentral Alaska. It is their contributions to this land, past and present, that have allowed our town to blossom into what it is today.

Valdez is a destination where Alaskans come to play. Like the state we call home, our charming coastal town outdoes almost every place on Earth. Here, mountains, glaciers, rainforests and oceans meet, offering experiences unlike anywhere else in the 49th state.

There is a lot of Alaska packed into our small town, so travelers cruising to Alaska will certainly want to include Valdez on their travel itinerary. No matter what travelers are looking for, Valdez has it.



RESTAURANTS



SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS



HIKING TRAILS



MAJOR GLACIERS



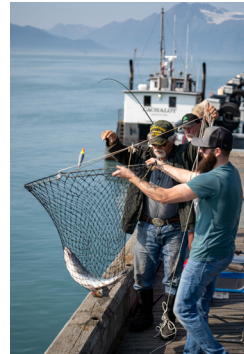
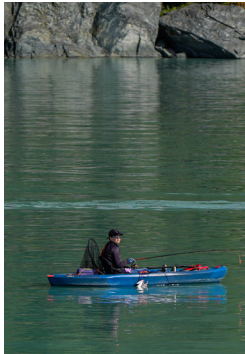
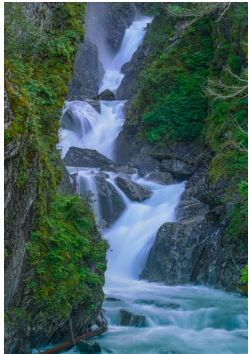
COFFEE HUTS

There are more
coffee shops
than gas stations
in Valdez!

Arriving in Valdez

Step into Alaska's very own paradise.

Those traveling to Valdez by cruise will arrive at the John Thomas Kelsey Municipal Dock or Valdez Container Terminal (VCT). A quick shuttle from the VCT or walk from the dock will bring visitors to most restaurants, breweries, museums and gift shops downtown. The dock is also a popular recreational area for picnics, fishing, sightseeing and community events.



Endless ways to play:

10 things that make Valdez the best port in Alaska

Your Alaska vacation, curated your way.

1. Room to roam.

Alaska sees more than one million cruise visitors each year with many traveling to Southeast Alaska destinations. As a quiet oasis tucked away in Prince William Sound, Valdez is an up-and-coming cruise port destination.

2. Adventures are easily accessible.

Being a small town has its perks — and we're not just talking about our charm! Valdez and several of its most desired activities are accessible by foot or a quick shuttle. Visitors can access the Valdez Small Boat Harbor, guided excursions, downtown Valdez and outdoor adventures.

3. Glaciers galore.

Experiencing the grandeur of glaciers is easy in Valdez. Prince William Sound is the most glaciated area in Alaska, and glacier viewing is available by land, sea and air.

4. Explore marine & land trails.

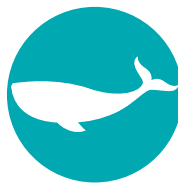
Kayaking, biking and hiking are some of the premier outdoor activities in Valdez.

5. Local eats.

Valdez offers a variety of restaurants, breweries, food trucks and coffee shops to satisfy any craving, all served with a side of stunning views.

6. Fishing.

From reeling in massive halibut to experiencing Alaska's world-renowned salmon run, visitors can cast a line via guided fishing charters or renting equipment.



7. **Solomon Gulch Fish Hatchery.**

This hatchery is one of Alaska's largest fishery enhancement programs. Visitors can take self-guided tours and view wildlife such as bears, eagles, sea lions and sea otters.

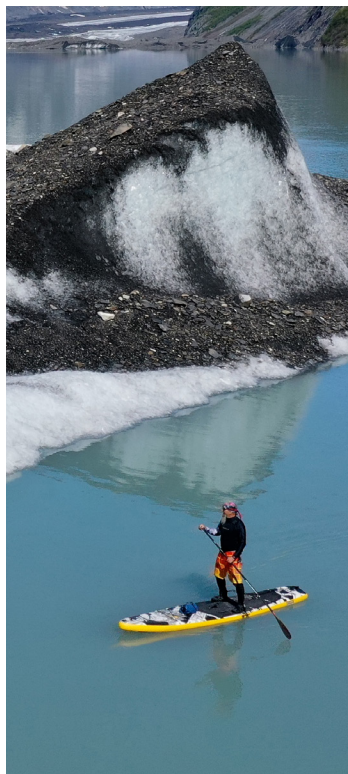
8. **Locally-owned businesses.**

Visitors are sure to find authentic, locally-sourced goods and souvenirs at art galleries and small speciality shops.

9. **Fascinating history & living culture.** Local museums and Old Town Valdez, the original townsite before the 1964 earthquake, share a glimpse of the events that shaped our town.

10. **Wildlife.**

From the waters of Prince William Sound to the peaks of the Chugach Mountains, wildlife roams the land, sea and sky. DYK: Prince William Sound is home to more than 220 different species of birds!



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